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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a legible copy of the following relevant art along with the form PTO-1449 which contains the information as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. "Automatic Left Ventricular Endocardium Detection in Echocardiograms Based on Ternary Thresholding Method" written by Wataru Ohyama, et al. (pages 320-323), and published in September 2002 in the U.S. by IEEE Comput. Soc.

The above-listed prior art is cited in the Office Action which was issued on November 15, 2004 by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 03 023 959 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,

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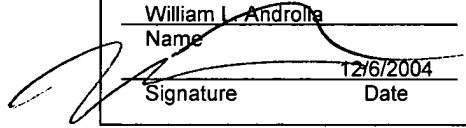
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